

# Foreign Affairs Security Training Center (FASTC)



U.S. General Services Administration  
U.S. Department of State

FASTC Project Update

Blackstone Chamber of Commerce  
Networking Luncheon  
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# Overview Agenda

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# GSA and DOS Project Management

- The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) is responsible for conducting environmental studies, acquiring sites and providing construction procurement, construction management, commissioning and other services necessary to complete the FASTC project.
- The U.S. Department of State (DOS) performed Master Planning studies for the project and coordinates with GSA during environmental studies, construction procurement, construction management and commissioning. GSA is leading the Master Plan update effort.



# U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS)

## Mission Statement:

*“The Bureau of Diplomatic Security provides a secure platform for the conduct of U.S. foreign policy.”*

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- Diplomatic Security (DS) is the security and law enforcement arm of the U.S. Department of State.
- DS protects people, property, and information at over 275 U.S. embassies and consulates worldwide.
- In the United States, DS protects the Secretary of State, conducts visa and passport fraud investigations, and provides protection for some visiting foreign dignitaries.
- DS will operate and maintain the training center when complete.



# U.S. Department of State, FASTC Project Purpose

- Current training is conducted at multiple contracted locations creating inefficiencies.
- Consolidation is needed to improve efficiency and enhance training operations.
- Establish a facility from which to conduct hard-skills training focused on embassy security.
- Train 8,000 to 10,000 students per year.



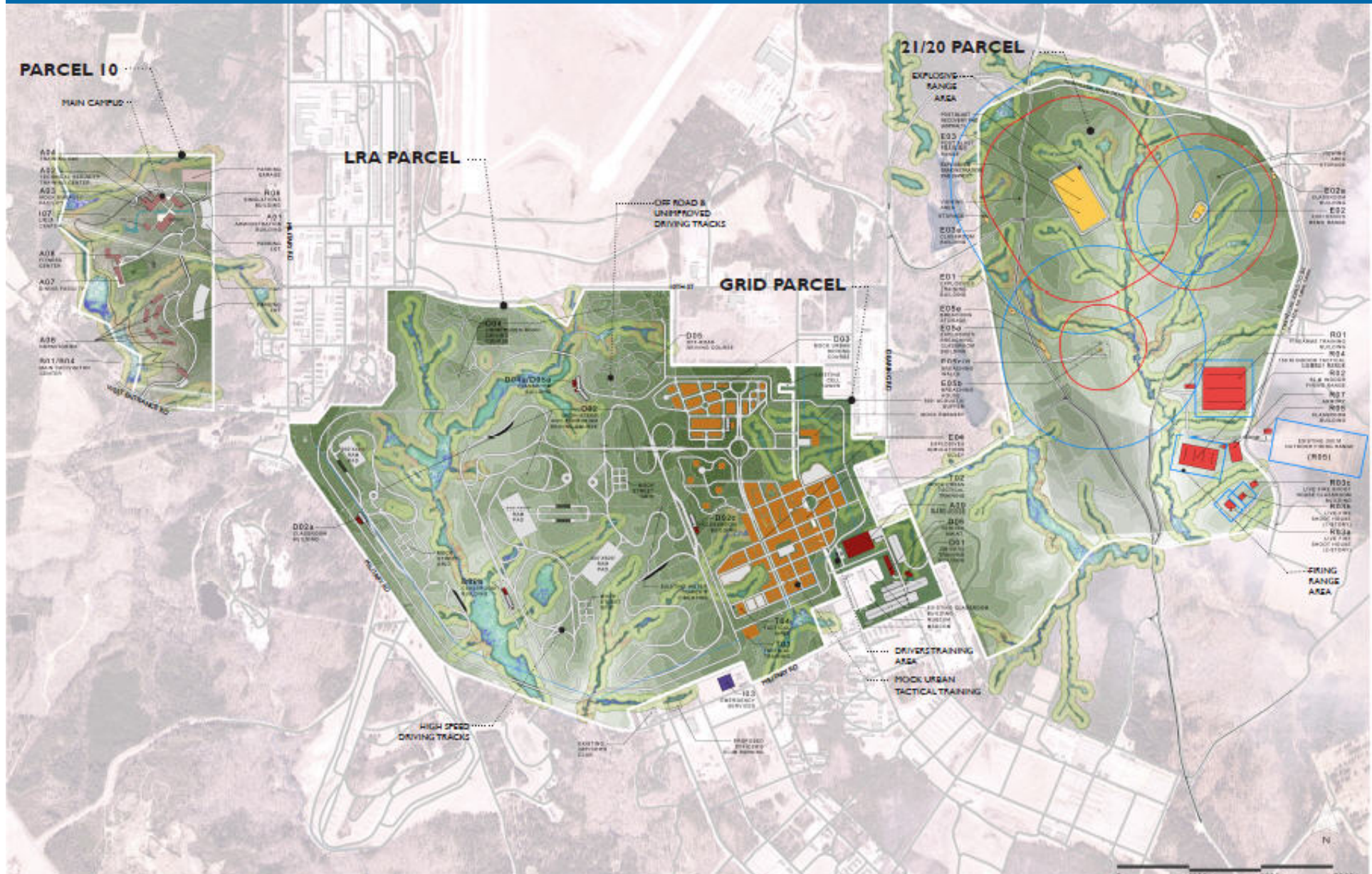
# Chronology

- July 2011 - Selected Fort Pickett and began Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Master Planning efforts
- October 2012 – Released Draft EIS for full scope FASTC
- December 2012 – Completed Master Plan for full scope FASTC
- February 2013 – DOS decision to reduce scope of FASTC to hard-skills only
- Early 2013 – Project activities placed on hold while additional due diligence conducted
- April 2014 – Administration re-affirmed the Department's 2011 decision that Fort Pickett is the selected site for FASTC

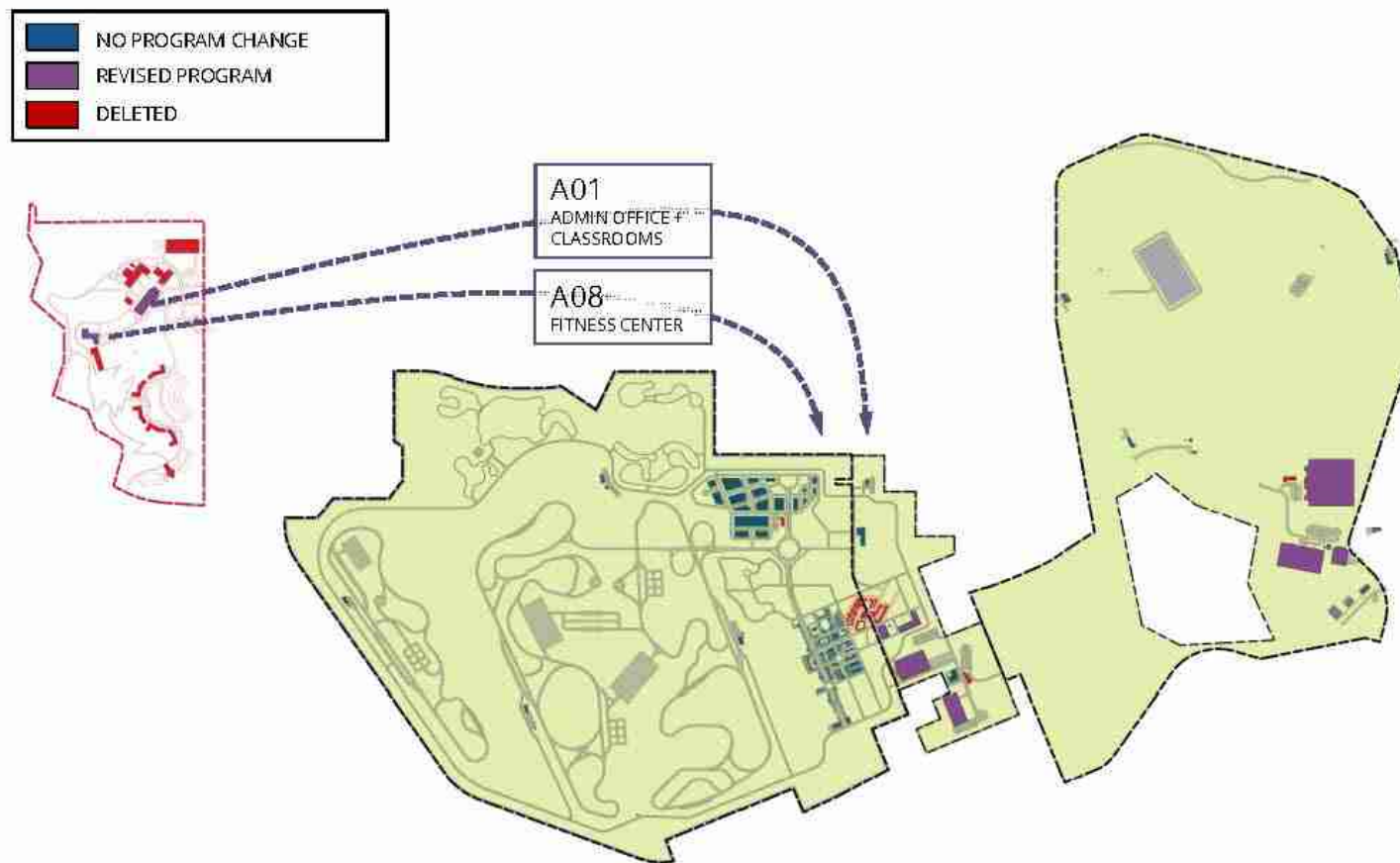




# Original Full Scope Build Plan Project will be de-scoped



# Reduced Scope





# Reduced Scope FASTC Activities

## Hard Skills Training

- Driving Tracks
- Indoor/Outdoor Firing & Explosive Ranges
- Mock Urban Environments
- Weapons & Explosives

## Infrastructure

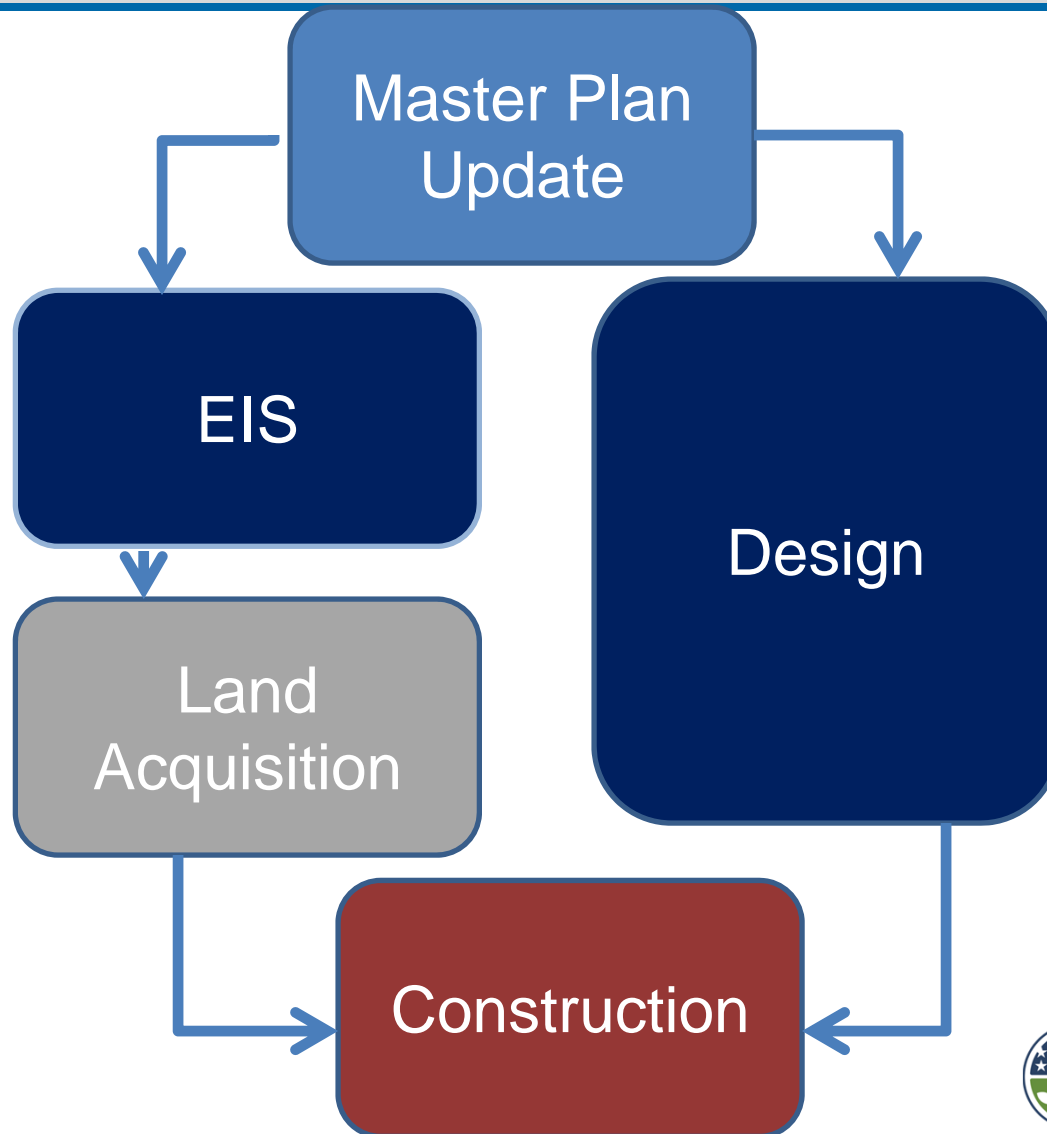
- Power, Water, Waste
- Buildings and Grounds
- Telecommunications
- Logistics Support

## Support

- Classrooms
- Administrative Offices
- Fitness Center



# Critical Path



# Critical Path – Master Plan Update

- The project team is evaluating the existing Plan against the DOS realignment of the project to a hard-skills only training facility, and updating the Master Plan to reflect this change.
- This update will serve as the basis for NEPA studies and design activities moving forward.
- Design and construction are studied in detail, including:
  - Design Costs
  - Construction Costs
  - Construction Phasing
- Master Plan Update Schedule
  - Started June 2014
  - Completion expected in September 2014



# Critical Path – NEPA / EIS

- A Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be developed once the Master Plan update is complete.
- Completion of the Supplement to the EIS may take up to 10-12 months and will be done concurrently with the design of the facility.
- The EIS process continues to emphasize public involvement and consists of the following steps:
  - Develop Supplemental Draft EIS
  - Public Comment Period
  - Public Meeting
  - Issue Final EIS to EPA
  - Public Review Period
  - Issue Record of Decision



# Opportunities

- Construction Opportunities: Potential construction jobs and other employment opportunities to the community and the total number of permanent part- or full-time staff at the completion of the training center will be recalculated during the master planning and EIS process.





# Opportunity Information

- Opportunities for Local Contractors: Federal Business Opportunities ([www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov))
- Future Small Business Fairs / Networking Prospects
- Small business subcontracting goals
- Link to FASTC website for more details on contracting and employment opportunities:  
<http://www.state.gov/recovery/fastc/c63524.htm>



# Opportunities – Permanent Categories

**FASTC will have three primary groups of employees:**

- **Foreign Service**
  - Staffed exclusively from within the Department of State
  - Not available for direct hire
- **Civil Service**
  - Federal hiring practices as established by the Office of Personnel Management
- **Contractors**
  - USG contracts with a company to provide personnel or a service
  - The company, rather than the government, is the actual employer



# Opportunities – Types of Opportunities

- Program Officer
- Budget Specialist
- Administrative Specialist
- IT Specialist
- Visual Information Specialist
- Procurement & Logistics
- Subject Matter Expert Instructors
- Training Delivery Officer
- General Facility Support
- Groundskeepers
- Housekeeping
- Food Service/Catering
- Automotive Mechanics
- Instructional Systems Designer
- Maintenance
- Travel Coordinator
- Security personnel



# Contact Information

**Please contact us with any questions or comments about the FASTC project:**

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# Questions & Answers

**Thank You For  
Joining Us Today**

